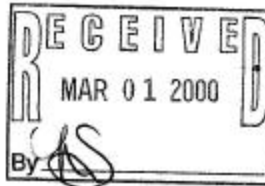




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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

**CONTRACT NO. DE-AC06-96RL13308 – W375 – BNFL INC. SUBMITTAL OF
AUTHORIZATION BASIS AMENDMENT REQUEST, ABAR-W375-00-00006;
AUTHORIZATION BASIS MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL; AND PROPOSED REVISION
TO “REGULATORY UNIT POSITION ON CONTRACTOR-INITIATED CHANGES TO
THE AUTHORIZATION BASIS,” RL/REG-97-13**

Reference: CCN 011525, Letter, A. J. Dobson, BNFL Inc., to D.C. Gibbs, DOE/RL, “Second
Response to Authorization Basis Inspection Report and Declaration of Intent to Report
in Accordance with 10 CFR 820,” dated February 24, 2000.

During the BNFL Inc. and Regulatory Unit Partnering Meeting of February 9, 2000, BNFL Inc. (BNFL) committed to delivery of three important documents related to Authorization Basis (AB) maintenance. The attached Authorization Basis Amendment Request (ABAR) (Attachment 1), Authorization Basis Maintenance Proposal (Attachment 2), and proposed revision to “Regulatory Unit Position on Contractor-Initiated Changes to the Authorization Basis,” RL/REG-97-13, (Attachment 3), are designed to provide detailed information on the proposed changes to the AB maintenance process. The attached documents were committed to in our correspondence referenced above and are important elements in the overall corrective action strategy to effectively maintain design and administrative control alignment with the AB.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call Dennis Klein at 371-4867 or Don Edwards at 371-4871.

Yours sincerely,

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